

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
INBOUND E-FORMAT LETTER POST

Docket No. CP2020-120

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO COMMISSION INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**  
(April 23, 2020)

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby responds to Commission Information Request No. 1, issued on April 16, 2020. The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Please confirm that the Postal Service would consent to unsealing the specific per-item and per-kilogram self-declared prices for Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters that it expects to go into effect on January 1, 2021, seven days after the UPU IB publishes these self-declared rates.

**RESPONSE:**

Not confirmed. The Postal Service does not voluntarily “consent” to unsealing these competitive product rates not of general applicability. Nevertheless, absent any materially changed circumstances, the Postal Service fully expects to comply if the Commission were to order it involuntarily to file these rates publicly seven days after the Universal Postal Union issues a Circular containing such rates. The Postal Service itself suggested as much in its Application for Non-public Treatment, in which it stated:

In Order No. 5451, the Commission ordered the Postal Service over its opposition to file publicly its self-declared E-format letter post rates taking effect on July 1, 2020, seven days after the UPU notified other designated postal operators of those rates via UPU Circular. The Postal Service complied with that order, notwithstanding its objections. The Postal Service maintains its opposition to any compelled public disclosure of its self-declared rates not of general applicability for this competitive product, but, in the alternative, the Postal Service requests that the Commission order the public disclosure of its new 2021 prices no earlier than seven days after the UPU issues its Circular with those 2021 prices (due to be issued under the UPU Convention by July 1, 2020), consistent with its earlier order.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Application of the United States Postal Service for Non-public Treatment of Materials, at 6 n.4 (Attachment 1 to Notice of the United States Postal Service of Specific Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound E-format Letter Post for 2021), Docket No. CP2020-120, April 10, 2020.